

Quarterly Report on the Status of Prison Overcrowding, Third Quarter of 1992

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Section twenty-one of Chapter 799 of the Acts of 1985 directs the Commissioner of Correction to report quarterly on the status of overcrowding in state and county correctional facilities. This statute calls for the following information:

Such report shall include, by facility, the average daily census for the period of the report and the actual census on the first and last days of the report period. Said report shall also contain such information for the previous twelve months and a comparison to the rated capacity of each such facility.

This report presents the required statistics for the third quarter of 1992.

Table 1 provides the DOC figures for the third quarter of 1992. As this table indicates, the DOC population (excluding Bridgewater State Hospital, SDPTC, AC and Longwood T.C.) rose by 218 inmates during the third quarter, an increase of 2.3 percent. At the end of the quarter, the DOC operated with 9,564 inmates in a system, and the average daily population was 9,428 with a design capacity of 6,911 - i.e., the DOC operated at 136 percent of design capacity. [Note, the design capacity has been recalculated from the 2nd quarter report; from 6,098 to 6,911 due to construction of new beds in facilities and the opening of the Massachusetts Boot Camp]

Table 2 provides the DOC figures for the previous twelve months - i.e., for the period July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. These figures indicate that the DOC population increased by 682 or 7.9 percent over this twelve-month period, from 8,673 in July 1991 to 9,355 in June, 1992.

This report was prepared by Ramon Raagas of the Research Division and is based on daily count sheets prepared by the Classification Division. Table 5 is based on Admission and Release rosters submitted by the institutions.

Table 3 presents the county figures for the third quarter of 1992. The county population increased by 130 inmates during this quarter, an increase of 1.6 percent. At the end of the quarter, the county system operated with 8,016 inmates, and the average daily population was 7,856 in facilities with a total design capacity of 6,401, - i.e., the county system operated at 123 percent of design capacity.

Table 4 presents the county figures for the previous twelve months. These figures indicate that the county population increased by 1,057 inmates or 15 percent over this twelve-month period, from 6,826 in July 1991 to 7,883 in June 1992.

Table 5 provides statistics on court commitments to the DOC for the first three quarters of 1991 and the first three quarters 1992. Overall, there has been a decrease of 227, or minus 8 percent, in commitments for 1992 in comparison with the same period in 1991, from 2,913 to 2,686. Although commitments to Cedar Junction for the third quarter of 1992 increased by 84, or 25 percent compared to the third quarter of 1991, the number of commitments for the first three quarters of 1992 decreased by 12, or minus 1 percent. Commitments to Concord for the first three quarters of 1992 decreased by 164, or minus 27 percent compared to the 1991 figure. Overall, male commitments were down by 176, or minus 8 percent from 1991. Commitments to Framingham for the first three quarters decreased by 51, or 7 percent compared to the same time period of 1991.

Figure 1 provides a graphical representation of the numbers of court commitments to the DOC committing institutions during the third quarter of 1991 and the third quarter of 1992.

Table 1

**Population in Department of Correction Facilities,
July 1, 1992 to September 30, 1992**

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Cedar Junction	786	800	793	693	113%
Concord	1266	1274	1280	514	246%
Framingham-ATU	68	64	96	64	106%
Framingham	419	436	411	388	108%
Norfolk	1238	1221	1254	1019	121%
Bay State	265	266	266	266	100%
NCCI	1000	987	1027	568	176%
OCCC	670	669	701	488	137%
SECC	580	579	575	356	163%
Shirley-Medium	952	939	978	720	132%
Sub-Total	7244	7235	7381	5076	143%
NCC	269	267	263	150	179%
SECC-Minimum	203	189	204	200	102%
Lancaster-Male	195	149	204	94	207%
Lancaster-Female	79	80	79	59	134%
Plymouth	287	259	286	151	190%
Pondville	197	190	190	100	197%
Shirley-Lower	425	424	413	403	105%
SMCC	198	199	198	125	158%
Warwick (closed July 92)	8	62	0	0	n a.
Hodder	23	20	27	35	66%
Boston State	100	101	99	55	182%
Park Drive	63	62	65	50	126%
Mass. Boot Camp	37	0	58	256	14%
MHHI	39	48	32	81	48%
WSATP	3	3	3	4	75%
Drug Rehab	0	0	0	1	0%
Hillside	39	40	38	40	98%
Charlotte	13	13	15	15	87%
Houston House	6	5	9	15	40%
Day Reporting Center	0	0	0	1	0%
Sub-Total	2184	2111	2183	1835	119%
TOTAL	9428	9346	9564	6911	136%
Bridgewater SH	319	325	312	337	95%
Bridgewater TC	223	223	223	216	103%
Bridgewater AC	260	260	238	430	60%
Longwood TC	100	105	95	129	78%
Sub-Total	902	913	868	1112	81%
GRAND TOTAL	10330	10259	10432	8023	129%
Houses of Correction	859	860	843	n.a.	n a.
Federal Prisons	34	37	33	n.a.	n.a.
Inter-State Contract	60	62	62	n.a.	n a

Table 2

Population in Department of Correction Facilities,
July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Cedar Junction	744	744	804	693	107%
Concord	1221	1232	1278	514	238%
Framingham-ATU	76	68	61	64	119%
Framingham	407	401	436	338	120%
Norfolk	1260	1310	1221	919	137%
Bay State	245	184	266	266	92%
NCCI	966	1000	988	518	186%
OCCC	671	679	668	488	138%
BCC (closed Jul 91)	4	93	0	0	n.a.
SECC	683	755	577	0	n.a.
Shrly-Med (open Jul 91)	534	0	938	720	74%
Sub-Total	6811	6466	7237	4520	151%
NCC	271	274	265	150	181%
SECC-Minimum	143	110	189	100	143%
Lancaster-Male	149	149	149	70	213%
Lancaster-Female	94	90	80	59	159%
Plymouth	262	298	260	151	174%
Pondville	201	203	190	100	201%
Shirley-Lower	440	466	425	403	109%
SMCC	197	198	200	198	99%
Warwick	85	90	62	50	170%
Hodder	27	33	20	35	77%
Boston State	100	101	101	55	182%
Park Drive	68	74	62	50	136%
MHHI	68	53	56	81	84%
WSATP	2	4	3	4	50%
Drug Rehab	0	0	0	1	0%
Hillside	39	40	39	40	98%
Charlotte	14	14	12	15	93%
Houston House	4	7	5	15	27%
Day Reporting Center	1	3	0	1	100%
Sub-Total	2165	2207	2118	1578	137%
TOTAL	8976	8673	9355	6098	147%
Bridgewater SH	306	294	322	337	91%
Bridgewater TC	230	243	223	216	106%
Bridgewater AC	315	332	251	430	73%
Longwood TC	118	121	104	123	96%
Sub-ToTal	969	990	900	1106	88%
GRAND TOTAL	9945	9663	10255	7204	138%
Houses of Correction	847	823	867	n.a.	n.a.
Federal Prisons	38	35	37	n.a.	n.a.
Interstate Contract	57	60	62	n.a.	n.a.

Table 3**Population in County Correctional Facilities,
July 1, 1992 to September 30, 1992**

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Barnstable	153	156	154	110	139%
Berkshire	161	145	176	126	128%
Bristol	890	897	897	696	128%
Dukes	22	24	23	19	116%
Essex	1133	1146	1113	635	178%
Franklin	101	106	104	63	160%
Hampden	579	586	608	372	156%
Hampden-OUI	122	119	124	125	98%
Hampshire	269	271	268	263	102%
Middlesex	971	978	999	792	123%
Norfolk	427	423	454	379	113%
Plymouth	494	501	483	307	161%
Suffolk-Nashua Street	433	428	434	453	96%
Suffolk-South Bay	1121	1127	1186	1146	98%
Worcester	880	874	898	790	111%
Longwood TC	100	105	95	125	80%
TOTAL	7856	7886	8016	6401	123%

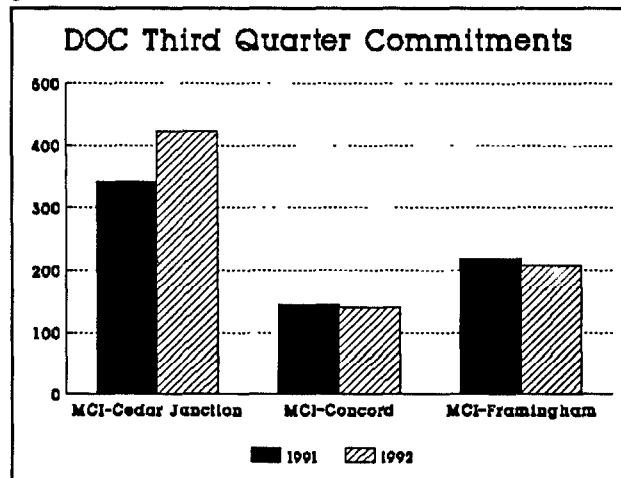
Table 4
Population in County Correctional Facilities,
July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Barnstable	151	154	154	110	137%
Berkshire	154	152	141	126	122%
Bristol	803	666	900	696	115%
Dukes	16	16	23	19	84%
Essex	1038	968	1130	635	163%
Franklin	95	98	103	63	151%
Hampden	550	482	584	372	148%
Hampden-OUI	124	123	122	125	99%
Hampshire	264	257	271	263	100%
Middlesex	997	1009	985	792	126%
Norfolk	315	268	424	379	83%
Plymouth	504	490	499	307	164%
Suffolk-Nashua Street	419	390	450	453	92%
Suffolk-South Bay	909	787	1117	751	121%
Worcester	894	845	876	790	113%
Longwood	118	121	104	125	94%
TOTAL	7351	6826	7883	6006	122%

Table 5
Court Commitments to the DOC

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Cedar Junction</u>			
First Quarter	589	539	-8%
Second Quarter	602	556	-8%
Third Quarter	341	425	25%
Sub-Total Males	1532	1520	-1%
<u>Concord</u>			
First Quarter	259	145	-44%
Second Quarter	199	154	-23%
Third Quarter	145	140	-3%
Sub-Total Males	603	439	-27%
Total Males	2135	1959	-8%
<u>Framingham</u>			
First Quarter	287	243	-15%
Second Quarter	272	275	1%
Third Quarter	219	209	-5%
Sub-Total Females	778	727	-7%
TOTAL	2913	2686	-8%

Figure 1.



Technical Notes

1. The official capacity or security level designation for each facility can change for a number of reasons, e.g. expansion of facility beds, decrease of facility beds due to fire, or changes in contracts with vendors. In all tables the capacity and security level reflects the status at the end of the reporting period. The design capacity is reported for correctional facilities in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4.
2. The population figures for Cedar Junction include DSU, DDU and open population.
3. The population figures for Norfolk include both DSU and open population.
4. The population figures for all facilities include both male and female inmates.
5. State inmates housed in the Hampshire county contract program are included in the county population tables as are all other state inmates housed in county facilities.
6. Norfolk includes Braintree, Dedham, and Norfolk Contract. Middlesex includes both Billerica and Cambridge. Berkshire includes the pre-release facility. Suffolk-South Bay includes the contract facility. Essex includes Middleton, and the Lawrence Alternative Center. Bristol includes Dartmouth, Eastern Mass. Alternative Center and Pre-release.
7. Nashua Street inmates housed at other facilities are reported in the counts for the facilities in which they were in custody.
8. The counts reported for MHFI include pre-release inmates and exclude parole inmates housed in those facilities.
9. Longwood Treatment Center is a specialized DOC facility for individuals incarcerated for O.U.I. Because the inmates are county sentenced inmates, the inmate count and bed capacity are included in Tables 3 and 4.
10. Pondville Correctional Center is a minimum/pre-release security facility formerly known as Norfolk Pre-Release Center.
11. The Massachusetts Boot Camp opened on August 17, 1992, and is located at the Bridgewater Correctional complex in Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

11. Abbreviations and Definitions:

AC	- Addiction Center
ADP	- Average Daily Population
ATU	- Awaiting Trial Unit
BCC	- Boston Correctional Center
DOC	- Department of Correction
Drug Rehab	- Includes Meridian House and Spectrum House
LCAC	- Lawrence Correctional Alternative Center
N.A.	- Not Applicable
MHHI	- Massachusetts Halfway Houses Inc. includes Temporary Housing Project, McGrath House and Brooke House
NCC	- Northeastern Correctional Center
NCCI	- North Central Correctional Institution at Gardner
OSCC	- Old Colony Correctional Center
OUI	- Operating Under the Influence
PRC	- Pre-Release Center
SECC	- Southeastern Correctional Center
SDPTC	- Sexually Dangerous Person Treatment Center
SH	- State Hospital
SMCC	- South Middlesex Correctional Center (formerly SMPRC)
SDP	- Sexually Dangerous Person
TC	- Treatment Center
WSATP	- Women's Substance Abuse Treatment Program includes Faith House and Griffin House